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4. Major Military Targets Located North of the Twentieth Parallel

Because the major North Vietnamese military effort is being carried out in South Vietnam by ground forces that are largely independent and self reliant, bombing of military facilities in North Vietnam is not likely to have an immediate impact on the capability of the ground forces in South Vietnam to continue the war. It is believed that conventional bombing of purely military facilities in North Vietnam -- even to the destruction of their major air facilities -- will not diminish the will of the Hanoi regime to continue the fight.

The following list of military targets includes airfields, naval bases, and military or command headquarters. The destruction of the airfields and the planes at the fields would effectively destroy or cripple the North Vietnamese air transport and tactical air capability, but the resulting effect on the North Vietnamese will to resist cannot be judged. Because the North Vietnamese navy does not have a major role in national defense, the loss of naval bases would not greatly upset the North Vietnamese army (PAVN), which is not dependent on the navy for support. Barracks and storage areas have not been listed individually because it is believed the immediate effect of striking such targets would be minimal. The logistics requirements of PAVN are small. The army has the ability to operate quite effectively from the field and supplies destroyed by bombing could be replaced for a limited period of time from dispersed locations.

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<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
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<u>Airfields:</u> Phuc Yen	21° 13'	105° 46'	The major military air base; 8,700-ft concrete runway; has up to 75 MIGS and 8-9 IL-28 bombers.
Haiphong/Cat Bi	20° 48'	106° 44'	Major airport; 8,000-ft concrete runway; used by MIGS on several occasions; could be used as alternate military airfield.
Hanoi/Gia Lam	21° 02'	105° 53'	Major air transport center; base for most of the 45-55 transport aircraft; 5,350-ft concrete runway.
Haiphong/Kien An	20° 48'	106° 37'	Major alternate air transport base; 5,500-ft. concrete runway.
<u>Naval Bases</u> Haiphong	20° 51'	106° 41'	Major naval base and repair facility.
Bai Chay (near Hon Gey)	20° 58'	107° 03'	Headquarters Northern Fleet, repair facility, and ship anchorage area.

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